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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) An image capturing device, comprising:
a memory storing an enable state variable;
a wireless receiver capable of receiving a wirelessly transmitted disable command; and
a processor configured to communicate with said memory and with said wireless receiver, with said processor further being configured to disable said image capturing device for image capturing device operation in response to said wireless receiver receiving said wirelessly transmitted disable command.
2. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, further comprising an input/output (I/O) port capable of communicating with an external device.
3. Cancelled.
4. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 1, further comprising a removable media interface and a removable medium plugged into said removable media interface.
5. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein said removable medium further comprises a removable memory medium.
6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 4, wherein said removable medium further comprises a removable memory medium and wherein said removable memory medium comprises: a connector for electrically connecting to said removable media interface; and a second memory communicating with said connector and storing a second enable state

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variable; wherein said second enable state variable is loaded into said image capturing device and enables or disables said image capturing device.

7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 6, with said second memory further storing an image capturing device identifier, wherein said removable memory medium does not enable said image capturing device unless said image capturing device identifier corresponds to said image capturing device.

8. (Original) The device of claim 4, wherein said removable medium further comprises a dongle, with said dongle including circuitry that enables said image capturing device.

9. (Original) The device of claim 1, further comprising a temporary enable state variable that overrides said enable state variable when said temporary enable state variable is set to a disable state.

10. (Previously Presented) An image capturing method for an image capturing device, comprising the steps of:

wirelessly receiving at the image capturing device a disable command transmitted from wireless transmitter;

changing the state of an enable state variable from an enable state to a disable state in response to receiving said disable command;

receiving a shutter command;

checking said state of said enable state variable to determine whether said state of said enable state variable is set to the disable state; and

performing image capturing device operations if and only if said state of said enable state variable is set to said enable state.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising the steps of:

receiving an enable/disable command in a communication device of said image capturing device; and

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toggling said enable state variable in response.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said enable/disable command is received from an input/output (I/O) port on said image capturing device.

13. Cancelled.

14. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said enable/disable command is received from a removable medium plugged into a removable media interface of said image capturing device.

15. Cancelled.

16. Cancelled.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, further comprising the step of checking a temporary enable state variable to see if said image capturing device is temporarily disabled, wherein image capturing operations are performed if said enable state variable is set to an enable state and if said temporary enable state variable is set to an enable state.

18-24. Cancelled.

25. (Previously Presented) An image capturing device having a corresponding image capturing device identifier, said image capturing device comprising:

a first storage device storing an enable state variable;

a second storage device storing an image capturing device identifier, wherein said second storage device comprises a removable memory;

a processor configured to (a) communicate with said first and second storage devices, (b) determine whether said image capturing device identifier stored in said second storage device matches said image capturing device identifier that corresponds to said image capturing device, and (c) set a state of the enable state variable to an enable state in response

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to determining that said image capturing device identifier stored in said second storage device matches said image capturing device identifier that corresponds to said image capturing device.

26. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 25, further comprising a wireless receiver capable of receiving a wirelessly transmitted disable command.

27. (Currently Amended) The image capturing device of claim 26, wherein said processor [[if]] is further configured to (a) communicate with said wireless receiver, and (b) disable said image capturing device for image capturing device operation in response to said wireless receiver receiving said wirelessly transmitted disable command.